

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Monday, May 7, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Bethune called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Opening: Pastor Bruce Campbell gave the invocation and Mayor Bethune led City Council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call:

Members: Mayor Bethune presided. Council Members: Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Cody (arrived late due to traffic), Councilmember Daniel, Councilmember Ruiz and Councilmember Tice. Absent: Bessie Kicklighter, Mayor Pro-tem

Staff: Ron Feldner, City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney (arrived late due to traffic); Gilbert Ballard, Chief of Police; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Jackie Jackson, Special Projects Coordinator; Ron Alexander, Planning Director; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Chris Snider, IT Technician and Scott Robider, Code Enforcement Supervisor. Absent: Corbin Medeiros, Fire Chief and Benny Googe, Public Works Director

GCPD Officer of the Quarter Presentation: City Council and Chief Ballard recognized Lindsey Buchanan as Officer of the Quarter.

Informal Public Comment: Mayor Bethune opened the floor to receive public comment from the audience. There being no questions or comments from the audience, Mayor Bethune closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to approve the city council minutes dated 4/16/18 and the workshop synopsis dated 4/23/18.

Staff Reports:

Director of Parks and Recreation presented the Parks and Recreation Department's report for the month of April.

Director of Information Technology presented the Information Technology Department's report for the month of April.

Director of Human Resources presented Human Resources Department's report for the month of April.

City Manager's Updates & Announcements: City Manager stated that his daughter graduated last Saturday. He said she has completed her four years of college and is now moving onto a career in finance.

Items for Consideration:

First Reading - Ordinance, Text Amendment, Chapter 90 (Establish Group homes, etc.): Clerk of Council read the first reading of the heading of an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, by amending zoning Chapter 90, to establish group homes for disabled persons, halfway homes, personal care homes, and rehabilitation centers as permitted uses within the City where such uses may be exercised.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Ruiz, City Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on the first reading.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council voted unanimously to suspend the rules of council to hold the second reading of the ordinance.

Second Reading - Ordinance, Text Amendment, Chapter 90 (Establish Group homes, etc.): Clerk of Council read the second reading of the heading of an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, by amending zoning Chapter 90, to establish group homes for disabled persons, halfway homes, personal care homes, and rehabilitation centers as permitted uses within the City where such uses may be exercised.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Ruiz, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance on the second reading.

First Reading - Ordinance, Text Amendment, Chapter 90, Article VII (Establish Procedures): Clerk of Council read the first reading of the heading of an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia as amended by amending Chapter 90, Article VII thereof, to establish a procedure for making requests for reasonable accommodation in land use, zoning, and development regulations as found and contained in the City's zoning code.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Ruiz, City Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on the first reading.

Upon motion by Councilmember Daniel, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to suspend the rules of council to hold the second reading of the ordinance.

Second Reading - Ordinance, Text Amendment, Chapter 90, Article VII (Establish Procedures): Clerk of Council read the second reading of the heading of an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia as amended by amending Chapter 90, Article VII thereof, to establish a procedure for making requests for reasonable accommodation in land use, zoning, and development regulations as found and contained in the City's zoning code.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance on the second reading.

First Reading - Ordinance, Text Amendment, Chapter 90, Article VII (Require Special Public Hearing): Clerk of Council read the first reading of the heading of an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia as amended by amending Chapter 90, Article VII thereof, to require the holding of a special public hearing when a proposed zoning decision is sought to locate or relocate a halfway house, drug rehabilitation center, or other facility for the treatment of drug dependency.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on the first reading.

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First Reading - Ordinance, Text Amendment, Chapter 90, Section 90-47(67) (Pest Control Use in M Zoning District): Clerk of Council read the first reading of the heading of an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, for the purpose of amending Paragraph 67 of Section 90-47 (b) to permit pest control business establishments with the approval of the board of appeals to operate in all mixed use zoning districts located within the City.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on the first reading.

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Upon motion by Councilmember Ruiz, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on the first reading.

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First Reading - Ordinance, Zoning Map Amendment (4805 Old Louisville Road & 0 Burdette Street): Clerk of Council read the first reading of the heading of an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance and map of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to rezone from a zoning classification of “R-A” to a zoning classification of “I-1” two lots or parcels of land owned by Simon Phillips, LLC, at 4805 Old Louisville Road and on Burdett Street, (Lots 21 and 22, Burdett Home Tract), Garden City, Georgia.

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Resolution, Nancy Tyson Property Acquisition: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, to authorize the City Manager to execute the sales contract and deliver any and all documents or agreements reasonably required to consummate the transaction to acquire 0.35 acres, more or less, located at the intersection of Chatham Parkway and Telfair Place in Garden City, Georgia, known as the southwestern portion of Lot 20, Phase 1, Plaza Industrial Park Subdivision.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, WPCP Sludge & Grit Removal Project: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, to ratify and approve the emergency procurement of services totaling \$115,375.00 made during the last week of April 20, 2018 by the City Manager from Degler Water Services, Inc., in order to accelerate the removal of bio solids from the City’s partially functioning Water Pollution Control Plant.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Ruiz, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, Chatham Municipal Association Meeting: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council of Garden City, Georgia, to authorize the furnishing of alcoholic beverages at the Chatham Municipal Association dinner meeting on June 6, 2018, subject to all the conditions set forth in said Code Section 6-4(c) including, but not limited to, the requirements that a licensed and insured third party vendor serve the alcohol, and that the event adhere to all applicable federal or state laws, and local ordinances, related to the sale and use of alcohol.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Transcribed and submitted by: Clerk of Council
Accepted and approved by: City Council 5/21/18